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Subject: RE: Estimated date of completion for FOIA Ref: F-2023-02663 **Date:** Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 3:08:50 PM Eastern Standard Time

From: FOIA Status **To:** Jennifer Jones

Ms. Jones,

This is in reference to your email below regarding the status of FOIA case number F-2023-02663.

The Office of Information Programs and Services' electronic records system indicates this request is in process and has an estimated date of completion (EDC) of June 30, 2025. Please note, EDCs are estimates and are subject to change. If the request can be completed prior to the EDC, a response will be sent sooner.

Please be advised that the Department currently has a backlog of FOIA requests and is working through it as quickly as possible. As the Department continues to work through its backlog of FOIA requests, it is mindful of its accountability to the public.

We apologize for the delayed response and appreciate your continued patience.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding a FOIA-related matter, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at 202-261-8484 or send an e-mail to foiastatus@state.gov.

Sincerely,

U.S. Department of State FOIA Requester Service Center

From: Jennifer Jones < jennifer.jones@knightcolumbia.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 4:30 PM **To:** FOIA Status <FOIAStatus@state.gov>

Cc: Anna M Teitler < mayze.teitler@knightcolumbia.org>

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To Whom It May Concern,

On December 13, 2022, I received an email from the U.S. Department of State, Office of Information Programs and Services acknowledging receipt of the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") (5 U.S.C. § 552) request submitted by the Knight Institute at Columbia University on December 9, 2022 (Ref: F-2023-02663). The email indicated that the Office would not be able to respond to the FOIA request within the 20 days provided by the statute due to "unusual circumstances." I am writing to request more information regarding the Office's estimated date of completion for processing this request. Please advise.

Thank you,

Jennifer Jones (she/her)
Staff Attorney
Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University

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